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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *Mar 12, 2003* _____.

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) *1-20* _____ is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) *1-20* _____ is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

    If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:

      1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

    a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1.   This office action, in response to the amendment filed 10/16/2002, is a non-final

office action.

2.   Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last

Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

3.   Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are

moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -
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> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under treaty defined in section 351 (a) shall have the effects for the purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5.   Claims 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Krasner

(US 6,133,871).

Regarding claim 9, Krasner discloses a GPS receiver in figure 1A with a GPS antenna 40, a receiver front end 42, an analog to digital converter 44 and a digital snapshot memory 46 for storing a portion of the signal. Figure 3 discloses a flow chart of the invention of Krasner. After the portion of the signal is stored 104, an FFT process is initiated 112, the result is multiplied by a PN code 114. These code sequences belong to a family known as Gold codes (column 2, lines 1-9). An inverse FFT process is conducted 118 and a peak of the convolution is found 126. Krasner discloses storing a one millisecond segment along with additional segments of information which is used in the process.

Regarding claim 10, the peak detector attempts to refine the estimate of the peak value (column 14, line 66 to column 15, line 17).

Regarding claim 11, the Gold code is precomputed and stored in memory (column 2, lines 10-15).

Regarding claim 12 , the peak detector attempts to refine the estimate of the peak value (column 14, line 66 to column 15, line 17). This process is the "curve fitting routine".

Regarding claim 13, Krasner further discloses time shifting the signal for "d" seconds which is equivalent to multiplying the Fourier Transform (column 14, lines 30-46).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6.   The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as
> set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be
> patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at
> the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject
> matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was
> made.

7.   Claims 1-8 and 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being

unpatentable over Krasner (US 6,133,871) in view of Halamek et al (US 5,912,558).

Regarding claims 1 and 6, Krasner discloses a GPS receiver in figure 1A with a

GPS antenna 40, a receiver front end 42, an analog to digital converter 44 and a digital

snapshot memory 46 for storing a portion of the signal. Figure 3 discloses a flow chart

of the invention of Krasner. After the portion of the signal is stored 104, an FFT process

is initiated 112, the result is multiplied by a PN code 114. These code sequences

belong to a family known as Gold codes (column 2, lines 1-9). An inverse FFT process

is conducted 118 and a peak of the convolution is found 126. Krasner does not disclose

means for determining the carrier frequency based on the height of the peak. Halamek

discloses a CPU performing correlation designed to detect peaks and locating a

maximum peak of the correlation estimate and sets the frequency of the radio

transmitter to align with the peak which was located (column 4, lines 1-21). This takes

place in the receiver. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at

the time of the invention to combine the means for estimating the carrier frequency of

Halamek into the system of Krasner. This allows all major processing of the signals to

take place in the receiver minimizing the dependence on outside components.

Regarding claim 2, the peak detector attempts to refine the estimate of the peak

value (column 14, line 66 to column 15, line 17). This process is the "curve fitting

routine".

Regarding claims 3 and 8, the Gold code is precomputed and stored in memory

(column 2, lines 10-15).

Regarding claim 4, Krasner further discloses adjusting the carrier frequency to

improve the phase estimate (column 2, lines 43-49).

Regarding claims 5 and 7, Krasner further discloses time shifting the signal for d

seconds which is equivalent to multiplying the Fourier Transform (column 14, lines 30-

46).

Regarding claims 9 and 14, Krasner discloses a GPS receiver in figure 1A with a

GPS antenna 40, a receiver front end 42, an analog to digital converter 44 and a digital

snapshot memory 46 for storing a portion of the signal. Figure 3 discloses a flow chart

of the invention of Krasner. After the portion of the signal is stored 104, an FFT process

is initiated 112, the result is multiplied by a PN code 114. These code sequences

belong to a family known as Gold codes (column 2, lines 1-9). An inverse FFT process

is conducted 118 and a peak of the convolution is found 126. Krasner does not disclose

the snap shot memory stored only one millisecond of the received signal. Krasner

discloses storing typically 100 to 1000 frames corresponding to a duration of 100 msec to 1 second duration (column 12, lines 8-15). Krasner also discloses this is only a typical amount and the invention can operate when a "sufficient amount" of data has been collected. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to use the minimal amount of this data which still satisfies the "sufficient amount" limitation to operate the system. One millisecond would correspond to one frame and is the absolute minimum which could be used. By using the minimum number of frames, the size of the snap shot memory could be reduced and thereby reducing the cost of the receiver. Krasner does not disclose means for determining the carrier frequency based on the height of the peak. Halamek discloses a CPU performing correlation designed to detect peaks and locating a maximum peak of the correlation estimate and sets the frequency of the radio transmitter to align with the peak which was located (column 4, lines 1-21). This takes place in the receiver. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the means for estimating the carrier frequency of Halamek into the system of Krasner. This allows all major processing of the signals to take place in the receiver minimizing the dependence on outside components.

Regarding claims 10, 15 and 17-20, the peak detector attempts to refine the estimate of the peak value (column 14, line 66 to column 15, line 17).

Regarding claims 11 and 16, the Gold code is precomputed and stored in

memory (column 2, lines 10-15).

Regarding claim 12, Krasner further discloses adjusting the carrier frequency to

improve the phase estimate (column 2, lines 43-49).

Regarding claim 13, Krasner further discloses time shifting the signal for d

seconds which is equivalent to multiplying the Fourier Transform (column 14, lines 30-

Conclusion

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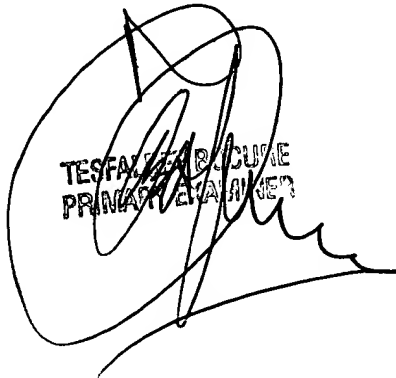
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PATENT EXAMINER
March 22, 2003